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In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-23 and 27-35, drawn to methods of producing or encoding a depth map for the use in the conversion of 2D images into stereoscopic images. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the termination of proceedings in this patent application.

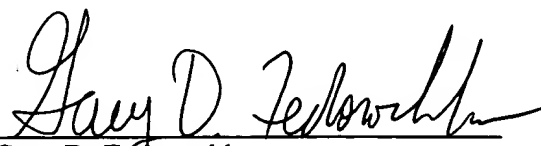
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